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### THE FOOL'S PRAYER.

The royal feast was done; the King
Sought some new sport to banish care,
And to his jester cried, "Sir Fool,
Kneel down and make for us a prayer."

The jester doffed his cap and bells,
And stood the mocking court before:
They could not see the bitter smile
Behind the painted grin he wore.

He bowed his head, and bent his knee
Upon the monarch's silken stool;
His pleading voice arose: "O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!

"'Tis not by guilt the onward sweep
Of truth and right, O Lord, we stay;
'Tis by our follies that so long
We hold the earth from heaven away.

"These clumsy feet, still in the mire,
Go crushing blossoms without end;
These hard, well-meaning hands we thrust
Among the heart-strings of a friend.

"The ill-timed truth we might have kept—
Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung?
The word we had not sense to say—
Who knows how grandly it had rung?

"Our faults no tenderness should ask,
The chastening stripes must cleanse them all;
But for our blunders—oh, in shame
Before the eyes of heaven we fall.

"Earth bears no balsam for mistakes;
Men crown the knave, and scourge the fool
That did his will; but Thou, O Lord,
Be merciful to me, a fool!"

The room was hushed; in silence rose
The King, and sought his gardens cool,
And walked apart, and murmured,
"Be merciful to me, a fool!"

### FAMILIAR TALKS ON SCIENCE.—NO. 5.

#### MEASURING THE DISTANCE OF THE SUN AND MOON.

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Having by measurement determined the size of the earth, astronomers can easily calculate the distance of a body no farther away than the moon, by observing how much its apparent direction from us varies when viewed at the same moment from distant places on the earth's surface. "If, when the moom is near the meridian (i. e. nearly overhead), an observer could in a moment jump from New York to Liverpool, keeping his eye fixed upon her, he would see her apparently jump in the opposite direction about one and a half times her diameter")—Newcomb. This change of apparent position in a heavenly body consequent upon our change of place is what is called parallax. To determine the parallax of the moon the English government long ago establishlished an observatory at the Cape of Good Hope. By comparing their observations upon the moon at that point with those made at the same time in England, they have determined the distance of the moon from the earth to be about thirty times the earth's diameter, or 238,818 miles.

To determine the distance of the sun has bean a far more difficult task, and has required more delicate observations. For this purpose it has been thought needful to observe with great care the path of the planet Venus when, about twice in a hundred years, it passes directly between us and the sun. To an observer in Lapland Venus would seem to cross the sun's surface by a slightly different track from that apparent to an observer stationed at the Cape of Good Hope. The difference between these paths would indicate the parallax of the sun.

From time to time great interest has been shown by different governments to fit out expeditions for observing these transits of Venus. In 1769 the celebrated Captain Cook was sent out for this purpose from England to the island of Tahiti in the Pacific Ocean, and was remarkably successful in his observations, as were others in other places.

But one attempt at this time deserves mention because it was not successful, since it so well illustrates the patience of the men and the perseverance of the efforts by which science has been promoted in the world. A French astronomer by the name of Le Gentil was sent to the East Indies to observe the transit of Venus in 1761. But there was war with England, and the English were in possession of the first port he attempted to make, and when he reached another port the transit was over. What should he do? Before there would be another transit of Venus it would be eight years, and then one hundred years. Those were the days of sailing vessels and slow voyages. He resolved to stay there the whole eight years (earning meanwhile his own living), so as to be on hand for his only remaining chance to witness the phenomenon. The long-expected morning at last arrived, and he was greeted with a cloudless sky. "But just as it was time for the transit to begin, a sudden storm arose, and the sky became covered with clouds. When they cleared away the transit was over! No wonder it was two weeks before the ill-fated astronomer could hold the pen which was to tell his friends in Paris the story of his disappointment." It is well for science that others were more fortunate.

Again in 1874 nearly every civilized nation sent out expiditions to distant points of the earth to observe the only transit of Venus which has occurred since 1769,—the astronomers from the United States occupying no less than eight stations in Siberia, China, Japan, and in the southern islands of the Pacific Ocean. In 1882 there will be another transit.

But after these observations have been made it takes several years for astronomers to interpret the results, or, to speak in familiar language, "do the sums" which are presented by the facts in the case. It was more than fifty years before the calculations were completed for for the transits of Venus in 1761 and 1769. These made the distance of the sun ninety-five million three hundred and seventy thousand miles. The most recent estimate places it at ninety-two million and five hundred thousand miles.

But unless we analyze these numbers they are too large to be impressive. If a man were to walk thirty miles a day he would be upwards of ninety years in walking a million miles, and more than 8,300 years in walking to the sun! Even a railroad train going night and day at thirty miles an hour would consume nearly 400 years in traversing that distance! The line reaching from here to the sun would go around the earth nearly 4,000 times! Were you to prepare a diagram of the earth's orbit around the sun in which one inch should represent the earth's diameter, or 8,000 miles, the sheet of paper upon which it was drawn would have to be more than a quarter of a mile square!

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A live, fearless, and independent newspaper, not afraid to tell the truth in regard to our own short-comings as well as complain of the wrongs we at the hands of our white fellow citizens, can do more at this particular time to harmonize the two races and advance the material interest of the whole people than any other agency that can be employed; and we are pleased to see the people are beginning to appreciate this fact and seem disposed to encourage our efforts to give them just such a paper.—*Louisianian.*

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Rev. J. H. Bergen, a colored blind minister of the Reformed Church, and a graduate of the Hertzog Theological Seminary, at New Brunswick, N. J., lectured in this city last night in the Greene St. M. E. Church, on the subject: "The Eye, Its Structure, and How Images Are Formed in the Retina."—*Ex.*

### MATERIALS.

BY J. D. BALTIMORE.

NO. 1.

There is no subject connected with the enginering profession more important to be understood than materials, yet young engineers rarely give it study, and but few of those in the higher grades have a thorough knowledge of the materials used in the construction of steam machinery.

Iron is the most important as well as the most abundant metal used in the construction of the steam engine. It is obtained frome ores in which it generally exists in the state of an oxide. combined with earthy or stony matters, and frequently with carbon, sulphur, phosphorus, arsenic, magnisia, manganese etc. The appearance of iron ore is somewhat similar to that of weather-beaten clay. Indications of its existence may be noticed on the sides of deep rail road cuts running throught sections of countries containing this valuable metal. Iron ores are classed and named according to their combinations, as magnetic, (the load stone) specular, clayiron-stone, redhematite, and brown hematite; the last named is the ore from which the Saulsbury and Junietta irons are extracted, the first from which the Swedish iron is obtained, and the clay-iron-stone that from which the greater portian of English iron is made. For producing some varieties of pig different kinds of ores are used; the foreign substances which iron is found to contain modify in a marked degree, its essential properties. Carbon adds to its hardness, but destroys some of its characteristics qualities, and produces cast iron or steel, according to the proportion of carbon it contains; sulphur renders it justible, difficult to wield and brittle when heated hot short. Phosphorous renders it cold short but may be present in very small proportion without effecting injuriously its tenacity.

*Cast Iron.* The process of making cast iron depends much on the kind of fuel used—charcoal, coke bituminous and anthracite coals are all used and the quality of pig metal is influenced to a great extent by the kind of fuel, as well as by the temperature of the blast with which the ore is reduced, when anthracite coal is employed, the ore is placed at once into the blast furnace. When charcoal is used, the ore is first roasted, by distributing it in alternate layers with waste coal, wood or sometimes, with charcoal, and the pile thus formed is ignited and burned in the open air. For the more refractory ores a kiln similar to that used for burning lime is required. The ore is rendered by this operation more porous and easily broken into small pieces, by which it is more readily acted upon in the smiting furnace. The small pieces would be disadvantageous in an anthracite furnace.

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#### A Colored Astronomer.

Professor Charles A. Grimmer, a colored gentleman of Kingston Jamaica, W. I., who is reputed among the literati of Europe as an astronomer of great ability, says in a recent paper on the "Star of Bethlehem," an astronomical phenomenon, that in 1887 the "Star of Bethlehem" will be seen in "Cassiopia's chair," accompanied by a total eclipse of the sun and moon. This is the star that illuminated the heavens at the birth of Christ, and only appears every 315 years.

The professor is said to be publishing a paper on the mathematical accuracies of the planetary phenomena expected to be visible almost everywhere on Sunday June 19, 1881. European philosophers look with great earnestness upon the calculations of Professor Grimmer. Profs. Tyndall of England and Ehrenberg of Prussia say that Grimmer understands himself, and the calculations which he undertakes are without doubt closer calculations than have been made known by similar astronomers anywhere.—*Ex.*

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### REMINISCENCES OF IRA ALDRIDGE, THE AFRICAN TRAGEDIAN.

NO. 4.

BY T. MORRIS CHESTER.

[From Forney's Progress.]

CONCLUDED.

Aldridge was genial and sociable, with an obliging disposition to contribute his efforts for the enjoyment and amusement of friends and associates. One evening at our hotel in Paris, which was a family resort for English tourists, he was requested, after some ladies had executed several operatic selections upon the piano, to give a recitation, which he did in a manner which delighted and charmed the circle. Upon a subsequent occasion when a gathering of friends made the *salon* brilliant with wit and music, Aldridge was specially requested to repeat what he had previously rendered. He arose, said he would give them something else, turned down the gas to a dim twilight, upon the pretence that it was too bright for his eyes, and commenced in the presence of his lady to relate, while standing, what seemed to be a personal experience. He began in a matter-of-fact way as follows: "In my early professional struggle, I met a lovely young lady in England, whose name was Amelia, with whom I exchanged affection. In asking for parental consent the father desired to know what were my means and resources. I replied that my profession was my only dependence, upon which the father declared it was too precarious to risk his daughter's happiness. I immediately communicated to Amelia, in a final interview, her father's refusal, which intensely grieved us. We then and there pledged eternal fidelity to each other in life and in death. Some eighteen months after, while I was sitting in my room in a Polish hotel, the door suddenly opened and Amelia walked in. I had just strength enough to ring the bell, when I fell unconscious to the floor. Upon my recovery, there were a number of persons around me applying restoratives, who asked what was the matter? The whole affair was of such a delicate nature that I shrunk from entering into explanations, but simply remarking that I was seized with vertigo, which prostrated me. In about ten days I received a letter informing me that poor Amelia had died of a broken heart on the very day, and at the very hour that she had appeared in my room. I sincerely mourned her death, and for a long time refused to be comforted; but time, circumstances, and constant change of scene produced a consoling effect. In my intercourse and associations, my path crossed that of a young lady of great personal attraction and high social position. Her grace and virtues made a deep impression on my mind; sentiments and feelings soon became mutual, and in a reasonable time we were betrothed. The happy day was appointed, and it seemed to be rapidly approaching without a cloud to mar my thrilling joy. On the evening previous to the designated day my wedding attire had been brought to my room. While I was alone, examining it with much pride, and spreading the different articles out upon the bed, the door noiselessly opened, and Amelia entered, with a melancholy expression of countenance, and mysteriously vanished. This spiritual visit threw me into paroxysms which confined me to my room, and necessitated a postponement of the ceremony. Some six months after preparations were again set in motion for the event. The day came, and with it the remembrance of the past and fears for the present. The weather was cloudy and ominous. The wedding procession was formed, and as we marched down the ailes of the church I began to feel a satisfied pride, when I raised my eyes—'*Good heavens! there she is now! Look, look! there she is now!*'"—and the tragedian struck an attitude, and gave expression to a dread which infused terror into the company.

There was a sensation for some seconds. No one moved or spoke. So adroitly was the company affected with the incidents that every one believed that his fright was real, and that Amelia had at that moment appeared to his disordered brain. His tone and terror were so natural and dramatic that we were entranced by the artful narration of startling incidents. In power and effect it was the climax of simulation. We thought he was the victim of an illusion, but soon realized, amid much mirth, that we were the victims of his diversions.

Much has been said of Aldridge's domestic life which is imaginary. He married an English lady, who was an inestimable and affectionate companion in his early efforts for recognition. When death removed her he informed me that it was his opinion that she could not be replaced. His second wife was a Swedish baroness of beauty and commanding mien, who, he assured me, fully equalled in every respect the exalted idea of his first choice. He was to sail for New York to fulfil an American engagement August 15, 1867, but died at Lodes, in Poland, August the 7th. In speaking of his proposed visit to America the Baroness affectionately asked, "Do you think they will hurt him?" The cause of oppressed humanity in this country lost a potent instrument in the death of Ira Aldridge, the celebrated African tragedian.

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To the Washington *Exodus* is due much of the popularity now given to Senator Bruce in connection with a Cabinet appointment. That paper was the first to place his name prominently before the people as worthy of the highest recognition by the Republican party.—*Sentinel.*

A big mistake. Long before either the *Exodus* or the *Sentinel.* came to light, in January of last year, the *Bulletin* of Louisville. Ky., advocated the nomination of Senator Bruce for the Vice-presidency. Be sure you're right, Bro. Herbert, and *then* go ahead!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1881.

The estimated wealth of the colored people of San Francisco in real estate and cash is set down at over nine hundred thousand dollars.—*Elevator*

John Brown's soul is still marching on. The legislature of Kansas will contribute his statue as part of their representation to the National Gallery at the Capitol.

There are thirty-three colored Baptist churches in Washington, D. C., with more than four thousand members.—*Ex.*

We guess it is, more correctly-speaking, double that number.

*The African Methodist* is the title of a new and independent religious monthly published at Baltimore, Md. It has some very plain talk about the violation of the 7th and 8th commandments by ministers. Its appearance and its utterances are both significant and suggestive. The adverse criticisms which they will call forth will at once give it great notoriety.

One "C. A. C. L." in the *Weekly Visitor* is criticising the "Familiar Talks on Science," now being simultaneously published in different colored papers. That's a good sign. The author of these articles is a reputed authority, well known in the scientific circles of this country and of England. If "C. A. C. L." can break a lance against the author who breathes the classic air of Andover, let him ride on.

If Mr. Gorham's name had not been mentioned in connection with a certain office in the gift of the United States Senate his advice would seem more disinterested than it can possibly now be; and if our contemporary the *Era* will post itself as to the action of the re-adjusters in the last legislature—that elected Mahone—on the Judge Rives matter it will come to the conclusion that the re-adjusters differ from the funders only in pretending to be more liberal. They neither attempted to repeal the miscegenation laws nor voted for amendments to do away with the petit larceny disqualification. Some of the bitterest Negro haters in the State, are re adjusters. The difference between them and the so-called Bourbons is, the former are more politic. Besides, the Negro can not afford to ally himself with any party that is in favor of practical repudiation.

Much has appeared in the columns of the *National Republican* of late regarding the course of the republicans of Virginia towards the re-adjusters.

The *National Era* has also seen fit to allude to Senator Mahone as the founder of a new party ih the South, etc.

Without knowing the course of Mahone in the Senate we have this to add, and as a Virginian we know whereof we affirm, that some other Republican than Col. James D. Brady will have to be the Moses to lead the black vote into the ranks of the re-adjuster party. Thus far that gentleman seems to be the only Republican of any note in the State who agrees with the *Republican* and the *Era* in their views on Virginia politcs.

But one other thing remaining for the editor of the *Christian Recorder* to do, he insists on bearing *false witness* by putting into our mouth words, the substance of which no one will find in our columns. We never believed until now that he would resort to an expedient that would cause him to sacrifice ordinary devotion to one of the cardinal principles of the religion he professes, "to tell the truth at all times."

As to our belief in Africa, it follows from our belief in the possibilities of our race under favorable circumstances. Since the discoveries of Stanley and the explorations set on foot by different European monarchs and societies this belief has become somewhat more fashionable and we certainly will not abandon it now.

Besides, if we do believe in the possibilities of a self-sustaining community in Africa long before the time elapsed between the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers and the greatness of these United States, we do not see that that is inconsistent with our American citizenship.

Objection to a "belief in Africa and in an Independent Negro literature" comes with extremely bad taste from the editor of the organ of the *African* M. E. Church; from one who not many years since defended a separate religious organization in a work entitled "An Apology for *African* Methodism," and who only last year, quoting from the West African *Reporter*, of Sierra Leone, and Prof. J. P. Sampson, then at Norfolk, contended in an article entitled "Bottom Facts" for *separate* text books for colored children.

*Some* people have need to have *good memories.*

## *THE POOR.*

Perhaps no city in the Union has so many suffering poor as Washington. What destitution and poverty stares one in the face on every hand! What miserable houses and shanties many of them dwell in! Often the snow water is dripping down through the roof on the floor and on the beds. It would be far better for many of them if they were living in tents instead of those hovels in which they now reside, for then they would get a plenty of fresh air; but as they now live they are in the most pitiable condition. For they are inhaling foul air from morning until night and from night until morning again, engendering diseases and sickness continually.

Many of these hovels are so untidy and the air so foul that one makes several attempts before he can enter into the house. You will find the tenants of these houses very thinly clad, often without food and scarcely any fire. Indeed some of them would be doing remarkably well if they could get one good meal a day. Many of them are far more needy than the public think they are. In these dilapidated huts you find children shivering around the stove begging for bread, and aged mothers sighing for tea. It is heart rending to even think of such poverty, and yet there are people in this very city who are passing through such experience daily. A few days ago a poor woman having no fuel took all the straw out of her bed tick and burned it by handfuls until she burnt it all up. The money that is given by friends for the purpose of helping the poor does not reach half of them, and if the poor do not get any more than they have been receiving, the suffering will be more intense before the winter is done than there is now.

But a question that most thinking people have already asked, perhaps, is this: "What is the cause of all this suffering?" It seems to us that the question is easily answered. We believe the greatest cause of this poverty to be traced to a failure of the Democratic Congress to make appropriations to carry on work that should be done in the city. A second reason for this poverty is the great passion for pleasure that many poor people have, spending most all the money they make in the summer on excursions, forgetting the wise man has said, "He that loveth pleasure shall not be rich." In the third place many who work hard spend all their earnings in the rum shops—not thinking for a moment that the drunkard shall come to poverty. In the fourth place many people are too lazy to work, matters not how much of it they can get to do.

Let us give an example: A few days ago a poor man went into a German lady's confectionery store and asked her to give him something to eat, and she said to him, go and clean the snow off my pavement and I will give you ten cents. He told her he had no shovel. She informed him that he could get her shovel. Then said the man to her, "Well, I want to see a man next door first and then I will come back." But she never saw him any more. Soon another man came along and asked her for some bread. She told him to clean off the snow and she would give him ten cents. But he said that he had the rheumatism so bad in his back that he could not stoop down. Some time after that another man came along and asked for something, and she told him to clean off the snow and she would give him ten cents. But he said he had the rheumatism so bad in his legs that he could hardly stand up; and there was nothing more of him. One of the sacred writers has said if a man will not work he should not eat.

### PERSONAL.

Mush and milk parties are all the go in in the neighborhood of Davenport, Iowa.

There are one hundred and seventy-five colored Baptist Associations on the United States.

The way it looks now Stanley Matthews will "hang by his eye lids" until the next admistration.

A colored woman of Fort Gaines, Ga., has twenty-five children, the oldest of which is twenty-five years of age.

Mr. Harry Stephens, the well-known body servant Hon. Alex. H. Stephens, died last week. It is said that he leaves an estate valued at twenty thousand dollars.

Wm. H. Pleasants, one of the most indefatijable workers in the 5th Congressional district in the Va. was in town and at the Philadelphia House, He left Thursday for Mentorn Ohio, in company with Senator Lewis.

The Colored Men's Protective Union of Louisiana has recommended Hon. P. B. S. Pinchback for appointment and the colored citizens of Little Rock, Arkansas, are urging the claims of Judge Gibbs for a place in the Cabinet. Mr. Gibbs certainly has ability and what is better, good hard common sense.

Mr. Peter H. Nott, a well known gentleman of Boston, has lately sustained a sad loss in the death of his son, Charles Henry Nott. He was an excellent youth, morally and intellectually. A constant attendant of the Sabbath School of the Evangelist Episcopal church, when in health, he was known there as the best scholar. Unusually bright-minded and studious in the public schools, he had become well advanced and held a high rank in his class; while he bid fair generally to be an honor to his family and race. His funeral was largely attended by Boston's best people, irrespective of color.

From the "Boston Herald" we learn that at the last annual reunion of the 12th regiment of which Fletcher Webster, son ot Daniel Webster was Colonel—that Rev. W. H. Scott, our agent at Lawrence, Mass. made a noteworthy speech, opening by saying that 19 years ago he was a slave in Virginia, and he loved the 12th regiment because in it he drew his first breath as a freeman. On the 31st of June, 1862, he entered the 12th regiment as a servant to one of the officers, and while thus serving he learned to read. He referred to the fact that the colored man has fought for the country in every war except the Mexican, and declared he was always loyal; whenever the Union soldier met a colored man he felt he was a friend. In closing, he said the colored race wants education, and it is a duty the North owes to the colored man that he shall have an opportunity to secure an education. By a unanimous vote Mr. Scott's name was added to the roll of the association, and he was elected its chaplain. All the speaking was interesting, and abounded in stories and reminiscences of the camp and campaign, and when the comrades finally separated it was with regrets.

### A Good Word for Mr. Cook.

Mr. Henkle.—*Mr Chairman*, I think just here it is proper for me, or for some one, to say something in vindication of this particular department of the District government and its management. I think you will all admit that the tax-collection department is an essential department of the city government, and no one has pretended to say that the gentleman who is at the head of that department is not a capable, efficient, and most truthful officer. Colored man though he is, he is one of the most capable and efficient officers that I have ever seen in any department of the government. I am not here to eulogize him but simply to do him justice.—*Record.*


Where there is a weakness of the Throat or Lungs, a Cold neglected may be all that is required to establish a lingering and generally fatal disease. Even where there is no special tendency to Bronchial or Pulmonary trouble, a severe Cold, left to take care of itself, often plants the seeds of a serious complaint, sure to be developed by subsequent indiscretion.—Take especial care of your health, therefore, from the very earliest symptoms of a Cough or Cold, by prudently resorting to Dr. Jayne's Expectorant, which will soothe and strengthen the bronchial tubes, allay inflammation, and cleanse them and the lungs of all irritating substances. An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure.


### MEMORIAL SERVICES.

At half past three last Sunday afternoon the Berean Baptist Church was well filled; the occasion being the Memorial Service, in honor of George W. Hardmend, a former member of said congregation. The services were formally opened by the Superintendent of the S. S. David Warner. After prayer was offered by Rev. A. Allensworth, a volunteer choir composed of Messrs. Butler, Murphy, Hyman and senior members of the S. S., furnished music during the service.

The Superintendent paid a just tribute to the worth of the deceased. After which Mr. Pierre presented a series of resolutions expressive of the estimation in which the deceased was held and of the regret at his untimely loss.

Remarks were then made by Mr. Pierre, Storum and Baker; after which Miss Anna Mason read with expression the beautiful poem "He giveth his beloved sleep." The services were closed by singing "We shall meet beyond the river."

The floral tributes were a basket by Miss Anna Mason and a cross uncrowned by Miss Victoria Shewalter.

### THE JUBILEE SINGERS.

The Fiske Jubilee University Singers sang to a large audience at the City Opera House ast evening, under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association. The concert was one of the best of its kind ever given in this city. The Fiske University Singers are undoubtedly the best colored singers traveling. They not only produce excellent harmony in their choruses, but are heard to good advantage in solos, the several members have very good voices, remarkably well trained. The programme was a pleasing one. The harmony of the singers is perfect; their time is very nearly so. They sing with great sweetness and expression, and in modulation can not be excelled. There were thirteen numbers on the programme, and the singers kindly responded to no less than six encores. Mr. Loudin's bass solo "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," was very artistically rendered. In response to an encore he sang a "Laughing song." Miss Jennie Jackson sang "Swanee river" with very good effect, and responded to an encore. The solo, "When 'tis Moonlight," by Miss Mattie L. Lawrence, was one of the gems of the evening. The lady has a pure and expressive voice, very well cultivated, and is the equal of many noted singers on the operatic stage. Another concert with an entirely different program will be given at the same place this evening. Seats can be secured at Buckingham's. No lover of music should miss this concert.—Ex.


J. N. Bick, of Toledo, Ohio, says:—My father, before wearing the "Only Lung Pad," could not sleep nights on account of his violent coughing, since wearing it he has slept soundly every night.—*See Adv.*


—Miss Tilghman has decided to go to Louisville to sing in the Saengerfest.

## G. U. O. of O. F.

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P N F Rev. Allen Allensworth, of Bowling Green, *Ky.*, author of the Odd Fellows' Memento Chart, published by J. Hale Power & Co., of Cincinnati Ohio, spent several days in this city this week.

If the brother of Brotherly Love Lodge who sent us a communication last week will forward his name, we will publish his communication.

Odd Fellowship must yield to the progessive tendencies of the age—One of these is an increased disposition of men to provide for their families by leaving them at least a few hundreds of dollars to better enable them to endure the increased privations and hardships which the widowed and the fatherless have to undergo.

The colored people of this country as they become more and more emancipated from superstitions and a belief in fatalities that exist only in their fertile brains, will make sacrifices for the benefit of their families.

From giving support to many petty and aimless societies the funeral benefits of which are meager and inadequate, they will be sure to sustain societies, that make substantial provisions for their families.

Already in many sections, colored Masons have attached an endowment feature to their present requirements. This is at least true in North Carolina Virginia and this District. The Good Samaritans in North Carolina, are doing the same, and within the last few years the *Knights* of Wise Men and Independent Order of Immaculates have made wonderful strides because of their insurance features.

Now let the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, with her 20,000 members go vigorously to work in this matter and the standard which she to day so proudty wafts will continue hers.

"Rise or Greece forever falls,
Up or freedom breathes her last."

Richard A. Dawson, formerly of this city, and late State Senator in Arkansas, was arrested in New York on Wednesday for trying to pass a forged note. Let us hope he was innocent of the great transgression.—*The Republican Advocate.*

And so does every Odd Fellow.

The funeral of George W. Mackey, was attended at the A. M. E. church on Wednesday 2 o'clock p. m. The Pastor, Rev. W. T. Lankford, and Rev. Green McFarland officiated. The deceased was a consistant Christian, and an accepted member of Pride Hope Lodge, G. U. O. of Odd Fellows, and was buried with all the honors and rites of the order.—*Right Way.*

### Jochabed Lodge Banquet.

The large dining hall of Philip Eagle's National Hotel, Tenth and Penn streets, was filled with members of Jochabed Lodge, No. 1306, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, their wives, sisters, and sweethearts, last evening. The obliging landlord had prepared a sumptuous banquet, and the tables, extending the entire length of the room, were loaded down with substantial food and delicacies. The bill of fare comprised roast turkey and chickens, stewed chicken, roast beef, fried oysters with sauce and vegetables, chicken salad, sliced ham, mince pies, tea and coffee, etc.—*The News Reading, Pa.*

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## LOCAL.

Societies and Churches desiring local no- s of their entertainments and other special rcises in order to ensure the same should d complimentary tickets.

—Mrs. C. N. Otey is winning praise her new field of labor.

—The Galilean Fishermen have t their nets in Chicago.

—Rev. Grimke has been North for couple of weeks.

—Mr. Abraham Hayson is prepar- g to swell the census. It is a boy d the mother is doing well.

—Mr. Alfred Carter, a prominent lored citizen of Evansville Ind., has en appointed to an assistant mes- ngership in one of the departments.

—Prof. Storum will deliver his lec re on co-operative labor at the Lin- ln Mission Friday evening Februa at half past seven o'clock, p. m.

—Rev Griffin of Frederick Mary- nd, preached at Asbury last Sab- ath morning and also in the evening, oth sermons were excellent and the udience was greatly pleased.

—The concert and exhibition to be iven by the Ebenezer M. E. church orner 4th and D streets s. e. promises o be a grand affair, since some of he best talent of our city are taking part in it, May it do well.

—The Industrial School at Lincoln Mission numbered sixty-eight pupils st week and ten teachers. It is eld only on Saturday mornings.

—The entertainment given at Beth- l Hall, Tuesday night was not the success anticipated, in consequence of snow. We hope better luck to the 19th Street church next time.

—Quarterly meeting at John Wes- ley Connecticut avenue, between L and M Streets, Rev. M. H. Ross pas- tor, preaching Sunday morning at half past ten a. m. by Rev. J. R. Dan- iel, at 3 p. m. by A. B. Wilson and 7:30 C. W. Fitzhugh. Love feast on Monday evening at 7:30 p. m. All lovers of Christ are cordially invited.

—Three hundred and nine members are enrolled on the book of the Unit- ed Sons and Daughters of Bethel. Their first entertainment comes off Thursday and Friday evenings 17th and 18th.—*See Advt.*

—Rev. Allen Allensworth Baptist Sunday School Missionary for the State of Kentucky and financial agent of the Baptist Seminary at Louisville, preached last Sunday morning at the Berean church from the 18th verse of Phillipians "Christ is preached." The reverend gentleman dwelt at length on the early struggles of Christianity, its triumph over the obstacles of the times, and its results as shown in the unfoldings of history. He gave an exhibition of the condition of the gos- pel to-day as an illustration of the fulfilment of the declaration on the text. He closed with an earnest ex- hortation to all Christians to be found zealously at work doing the will of the Master that when He shall come to gather his jewels they may be found acceptable in his sight.

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87 Jefferson Street, Buffalo, N. Y.

—Pleasant Sociable at Mrs. Garrett's Monday night.

—Talmadge Hall, March 7 is the place fixed for reception to the many strangers likely to be in our midst.

—The S. S. Union had its regularly quarterly meeting last Sunday afternoon at the 19th St. Baptist Church.

L. C. Cornish, the president, presided. Rev. J. P. Bolden opened the exercises with prayer. Speeches were made by T. H. Wright, R. T. Moss and J. T. Johnson.

—A lively meeting was held by the Medical Students of Howard University last Wednesday evening. There are 90 of these students, and two-thirds of them are white. It seems as though the white students have taken umbrage at the appointment of F. J. Shadd (colored) by the faculty as the valedictorian. Mr. Shadd is a gentleman worthy of the honor.

### "*LABOR OMNIA VINCIT.*"

The First United Exhibition and Old Folks' Concert, by the United Sons and Daughters of Bethel, at Bethel Hall, Thursday and Friday evenings, Feb. 17th and 18th, for the benefit of Union Bethel Church.

The committee of arrangements have engaged for the occasion the Italian Harpers for the Grand Promenade after the concert. The United clubs, namely: Independent, Gethsenior, and Sinking Fund Associations will each furnish tables of refreshments for the evenings. The intention of the Committee is to make this the concert of the season Prof. John T. Layton will conduct the music.

Committee of arrangements: Misses Mattie R. Bowen, Anna E. Geary, Ida Twine, Mrs. Sarah Pegram, Mrs. Oceania Dyson, Messrs. Asbury Webb, Daniel Hardy, Wm. H. Ease, Joseph Hawkins, James Washington. Rev. Dr. J. W. Stevenson, Pastor. Doors open at 7 o'clock; the Concert commences at 8. Tickets of admission, 15 cents. Sold by all the members and the committee. All are invited.

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### HELP THE POOR!

There will be at Talmadge Hall, Thursday evening February 17, 1881, a Musical and Dramatic Entertainment, for the benefit of the Poor under the auspices of the Christian Workers of the 15th St. Presbyterian Church.

Misses Tilghman and Washington, Messrs. Butler and Tompkins will sing solos. Mr Kelley will play his cornet and Messrs. Matthews, Archer, Baker, Misses Parke, Barrier and Master Bell, give the drama, "Perfection."

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### GRAND MUSICAL AND LITERARY ENTERTAINMENT.

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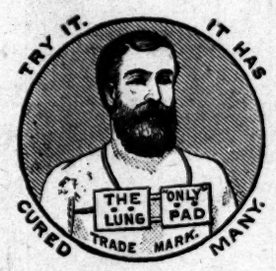


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